

Amendment No. 245

Senate Amendment to Senate Bill No. 108 (BDR 34-523)

Proposed by: Senate Committee on Education

Amends: Summary: Yes Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of green bold underlining is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

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Date: 4/20/2017

S.B. No. 108—Revises requirements for the instruction in American government that is taught to pupils in public high schools. (BDR 34-523)



SENATE BILL NO. 108—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA YOUTH LEGISLATURE)

PREFILED FEBRUARY 8, 2017

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—~~[Revises requirements for the instruction in American government that is taught to pupils in public high schools.]~~ Requires a study to determine the manner in which to include certain instruction relating to criminal law in the social studies curriculum for public high schools. (BDR ~~[24-523]~~ S-523)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; requiring the ~~[instruction given in American government to pupils in public high schools to include]~~ State Board of Education to create a subcommittee to study the manner in which to include certain instruction in criminal law ~~[+]~~ in the social studies courses required for graduation from a public high school; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires each pupil enrolled in a public high school ~~[and state facility for the detention of children in this State to provide instruction in American government. Such instruction is required to be given during at least 1 year of elementary school and for a period of 1 year in high school. (NRS 389.054)]~~ three units of credit in social studies. (NRS 389.018) This bill requires the ~~[instruction in American government that is given to pupils during high school to include]~~ State Board of Education to create a subcommittee to study the manner in which to include certain instruction in criminal law in the required units of credit in social studies and specifies certain crimes which frequently involve persons under the age of 18 years that must be included in the instruction. In addition, this bill requires that such instruction emphasize personal responsibility for understanding and complying with the law and lists specific topics to be included as part of this instruction. In addition, the instruction must include information to assist victims and witnesses of such crimes and lists specific topics for this instruction. This bill requires: (1) the State Board of Education to report the findings of the subcommittee to the Legislative Committee on Education, including any actions it has taken or intends to take to include the instruction in the social studies courses; and (2) the Legislative Committee on Education to consider the report and transmit any recommendations for legislation to ensure the instruction is included in the curriculum for social studies to the 80th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ~~[NRS 389.054 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

~~389.054 1. In all public schools, the Caliente Youth Center, the Nevada Youth Training Center and any other state facility for the detention of children that is operated pursuant to title 5 of NRS, instruction must be given in American government, including, without limitation, instruction on:~~

~~(a) The essentials of:~~

~~(1) The Constitution of the United States, including, without limitation, the Bill of Rights;~~

~~(2) The Constitution of the State of Nevada; and~~

~~(3) The Declaration of Independence;~~

~~(b) The origin and history of the Constitutions;~~

~~(c) The study of and devotion to American institutions and ideals; and~~

~~(d) Civics.~~

~~2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 388C.120, the instruction required in subsection 1 must be given during at least 1 year of the elementary school grades and for a period of at least 1 year in all high schools.~~

~~3. In addition to the instruction described in subsection 1, instruction in American government that is given during high school must include instruction in criminal law. Such instruction must include, without limitation, instruction concerning crimes that frequently involve persons under the age of 18 years, including, without limitation, crimes involving:~~

~~(a) Sexual conduct, including, without limitation, sexual assault, statutory sexual seduction and sexting;~~

~~(b) Alcohol and controlled substances, including, without limitation, driving under the influence and the possession, use and distribution of alcohol and controlled substances;~~

~~(c) Domestic violence;~~

~~(d) Stalking; and~~

~~(e) Destruction of property.~~

~~4. The instruction given pursuant to subsection 3 must emphasize personal responsibility for understanding and complying with the law and must include, without limitation, instruction on:~~

~~(a) The elements of the various crimes;~~

~~(b) Appropriate conduct necessary to avoid being accused of such crimes, including, without limitation, specific instruction concerning the legal requirements for finding consent with respect to sexual conduct;~~

~~(c) The consequences of engaging in such crimes;~~

~~(d) The rights of a person alleged to have committed any such crime; and~~

~~(e) The criminal justice system.~~

~~5. The instruction given pursuant to subsection 3 must provide information to assist victims and witnesses of such crimes, including, without limitation:~~

~~(a) The rights of victims;~~

~~(b) Resources available to victims;~~

~~(c) The rights and responsibilities of a person who witnesses any such crime; and~~

~~(d) Information concerning how to report such a crime and where to seek assistance.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

Sec. 1.5. 1. The State Board of Education shall create a subcommittee to study the manner in which to include, in one of the three units of credit in

1 social studies required pursuant to NRS 389.018 instruction concerning crimes
2 that frequently involve persons under the age of 18 years. Such instruction
3 must include, without limitation, crimes involving:

4 (a) Sexual conduct, including, without limitation, sexual assault, statutory
5 sexual seduction and sexting;

6 (b) Alcohol and controlled substances, including, without limitation,
7 driving under the influence and the possession, use and distribution of alcohol
8 and controlled substances;

9 (c) Domestic violence;

10 (d) Stalking; and

11 (e) Destruction of property.

12 2. The instruction described in subsection 1 must emphasize personal
13 responsibility for understanding and complying with the law and must include,
14 without limitation, instruction on:

15 (a) The elements of the various crimes;

16 (b) Appropriate conduct necessary to avoid being accused of such crimes,
17 including, without limitation, specific instruction concerning the legal
18 requirements for finding consent with respect to sexual conduct;

19 (c) The consequences of engaging in such crimes;

20 (d) The rights of a person alleged to have committed any such crime; and

21 (e) The criminal justice system.

22 3. The instruction described in subsection 1 must provide information to
23 assist victims and witnesses of such crimes, including, without limitation:

24 (a) The rights of victims;

25 (b) Resources available to victims;

26 (c) The rights and responsibilities of a person who witnesses any such
27 crime; and

28 (d) Information concerning how to report such a crime and where to seek
29 assistance.

30 4. The study conducted by the subcommittee created pursuant to
31 subsection 1 must include, without limitation:

32 (a) The manner in which to modify the curriculum of the relevant course
33 in social studies to include the instruction described in subsections 1, 2 and 3;

34 (b) Any appropriate revision to the requirements for licensure or
35 endorsement that may be necessary or appropriate for a teacher who provides
36 the instruction described in subsections 1, 2 and 3;

37 (c) The professional development that may be necessary or appropriate
38 for a teacher who provides the instruction described in subsections 1, 2 and 3;
39 and

40 (d) Consideration of any similar instruction provided in another state or
41 school district.

42 5. The subcommittee created pursuant to subsection 1 shall report its
43 findings to the State Board of Education on or before April 1, 2018. The State
44 Board of Education shall, on or before July 1, 2018, submit a report to the
45 Legislative Committee on Education which includes its recommendations to
46 carry out the instruction described in subsections 1, 2 and 3, as well as any
47 actions the State Board has taken or intends to take to include the instruction
48 in the relevant social studies course.

49 6. The Legislative Committee on Education shall consider the report
50 submitted by the State Board of Education and, on or before September 1,
51 2018, prepare and submit a written report to the Director of the Legislative
52 Counsel Bureau, for transmittal to the 80th Session of the Nevada Legislature,
53 concerning the Committee's consideration of the matters described in this

section and any recommendations for legislation to ensure the instruction described in subsections 1, 2 and 3 are included in the curriculum for social studies that is required to be taken in high school.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.